



Assuring Drinking Water Quality: The Cost

Speedway Water Works is in need of approximately \$6.3 million in capital improvement projects, ranging from regulatory updates to structural replacements, to assure drinking water quality in the Town of Speedway. The Town is aggressively pursuing state and federal grants and low-interest loans to keep ratepayer costs down. At this time, we plan to finance most of the projects through the sale of municipal bonds. A rate increase will be proposed to the Speedway Town Council to pay off these bonds over time. Under the proposal, the average ratepayer's water bill would rise from the current \$15.33 per month to \$20.22 in Oct. 1, 2010 – an increase of \$4.89 per month. A second rate increase of \$2.34 would go into effect at a future time, bringing the water bill to \$22.56, a increase of 47 percent per month for the average user.

The chart to the right shows that Speedway's current water rates are some of the lowest in the Central Indiana region. If the proposed increases are approved, Speedway's rates would still compare favorably to those in other communities.

RATE COMPARISON - NEARBY CITIES & TOWNS

